

Having a Collaborative Workspace," by Sheth and Anumolu, filed August 24, 1999, the entirety of which is herein incorporated by reference.

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Delete the second paragraph (which reads as follows):

This application claims priority, under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e), from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/150,611, "Method and Apparatus for an Electronic Marketplace for Services Having a Collaborative Workspace," by Sheth and Anumolu, filed August 24, 1999, the entirety of which is herein incorporated by reference.

In the Claims:

Amend claims 1, 4, 8-11, 14, 18-20, and 28-30 as follows. All pending claims are reproduced below for the convenience of the Examiner.

1. (Amended) A computer implemented method for procuring services, comprising:
  - establishing a private marketplace with access restricted to a predetermined set of buyers and a pre-identified set of vendors;
  - facilitating a buyer's inviting bids on a project from a subset of the vendors;
  - receiving at least one bid on the project from at least one of the subset of vendors;
  - facilitating the buyer's acceptance of one of the bids; and
  - facilitating work on the project by the vendor and the buyer in a collaborative workspace.
2. (Unamended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the private marketplace is an online marketplace and establishing the private marketplace further comprises customizing the look and feel of the online marketplace.
3. (Unamended) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the establishing of the private marketplace further comprises managing the pre-identified set of vendors.